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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CERTIFICATION OF IACI REPAIR STATION

1. PLANS AND PROGRAM DIR H C BEDELL AND QUALITY CONTROL SUPERVISOR ALIBADI OF IRAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES (IACI) CALLED ON CIVAIR OFFICER SEPT 14. BEDELL HAS BEEN IN TELEX CONTACT WITH FAA ROME CONCERNING RECERTIFICATION OF IACI REPAIR STATION THIS OCTOBER.

2. BEDEL IS CONCERNED BECAUSE IACI HAS PERFORMED RELATIVELY LITTLE WORK ON US REGISTERED AIRCRAFT, THAT FAA WILL DECIDE IACI NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RECERTIFICATION. AS BURLINGAME'S REPORT OF LAST YEAR'S INSPECTION WILL DOUBTLESS SHOW, IACI IS NOW WHOLLY OWNED BY GOI AND ITS PRIME FUNCTION IS TO PERFORM DEPOT MAINTENANCE FOR IMPERIAL IRANIAN AIR FORCE ON US MANUFACTURED AIRCRAFT (F-4, C-130, B-747 AND F-14), AND VARIOUS TYPES OF HELICOPTERS USED BY GROUND FORCES. IACI HAS ALREADY BEGUN WORK ON A VERY LARGE EXPANSION PROJECT WHICH WILL MAKE IT ONE OF THE LARGEST REPAIR STATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE EXPANSION PROJECT WILL INCLUDE SOME FORM OF CO-PRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR PARTS WITH AN AMERICAN FIRM. BEDELL SAID FIRST EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION WILL PROBABLY BE MANUFACTURE OF ENGINES FOR THE HELICOPTERS WHICH BELL PLANS TO BUILD IN CO-PRODUCTION HERE. IT

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IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT IACI WILL LATER PRODUCE OR ASSEMBLE NORTHROP

AIRCRAFT.

3. BEDELL FEELS THAT WITHDRAWAL OF FAA REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATION WILL SEVERLY IMPAIR PLANS OF THIS EXPANDING ORGANIZATION WHICH IS CLOSELY LINKED TO US AVIATION INDUSTRY. WHILE HE AND OTHER US CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY IACI UNDERSTAND FAA GUIDELINES ON ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION, BEDELL FEELS IRANIAN MANAGING DIR GENERAL ASHERI AND VICE-MINISTER OF WAR GENERAL TOUFANIAN WOULD REGARD REFUSAL TO RECERTIFY AS HOSTILE GESTURE BY US GOVERNMENT.

4. BEDELL IS EXPLORING THE MARKET PRESENTED BY US REGISTERED EXECUTIVE JETS, CHARTER CARRIERS SUCH AS FLYING TIGER, OVERSEAS NATIONAL, WORLD AIRWAYS, ETC. AS APPLICATION WILL SHOW IACI HAS DONE SOME MINOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FOR PANAM LOCALLY. WE SUGGESTED THAT IACI CONSIDER SOME KIND OF MARKETING AND ADVERTISING PROGRAM SINCE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE THAT IACI'S EXTENSIVE FACILITIES AND POSSIBLE SERVICES HAVE NOT BEEN MADE KNOWN SUFFICIENTLY TO US CIVIL AIR MARKET OPERATING HERE.

5. DECISION TO RE-CERTIFY RESTS WITH FAA, OF COURSE, BUT SINCE AN INSPECTOR WILL BE SENT HERE FOR MUCH SMALLER IRAN AIR REPAIR FACILITY IN ANY CASE, EMB RECOMMENDS POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF IACI REQUEST.
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